

METROPOLITAN REGION IMPROVEMENT TAX

**620. Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN to the Minister for Regional Development:**

I have a supplementary question. Given the minister's comments, why did he not tell the people of Western Australia before the last election that he intended to tax them?

**Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:**

This is worked through with the budgetary process.

Several members interjected.

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** I will tell members what I did.

**Mr D.A. Templeman** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mandurah!

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** I consulted with my colleagues about the impact of all the changes through the budget. It is really important that we as partners in government do our bit to ensure that we have a strong, sound budgetary process supporting the growth of Western Australia.